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SUBJECT: TWO BOMBINGS IN LA PAZ

SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED (SBU) - PROTECT ACCORDINGLY

[¶1.](#) (SBU) On August 12, 2009, the Bolivian National Police (BNP) informed the U.S. Embassy La Paz that a bomb had exploded at the Las Dos Torrez Building in La Paz. Later that same day, the BNP informed the Embassy that a second device exploded at a bus station in La Paz (La Zona de Villa Ftima, Calle Yanacachi in the Transportation Union of the Flota Yungas).

[¶2.](#) (SBU) The BNP report that at approximately 12:00 pm today an unidentified explosive artifact detonated on the 9th floor office of Empresa Constructora de Ingenieros Civiles Asociados (ICA) (an engineering company) in the Las Dos Torrez Building, located on Avenida 6 de Agosto (approximately 5 blocks from the U.S. Embassy). Two BNP officers from the Fire Department were inspecting a suspicious package when it exploded. The Commander of the Fire Department and another BNP officer were both injured in the blast. RSO Note: On September 02, 2008 there was an explosion in that very same office that injured two employees.

[¶3.](#) (SBU) At approximately 1545 today, the BNP contacted the U.S. Embassy again to report that a second explosion had occurred. The BNP report that a second explosive artifact (believed to be an envelope) detonated inside the Flota Yungas transportation office located on Calle Yanacachi in the Villa Fatima neighborhood of La Paz. The BNP are reporting injuries at the scene, but are presently confirming details.

[¶4.](#) (U) Investigations are on-going and the BNP are reporting additional details as they are available.

[¶5.](#) (U) POC is ARSO Jennifer McHugh; e-mail: [mchughjl@state.gov](mailto:mchughjl@state.gov) or Acting DCM/RSO Patrick J. Moore; e-mail: [moorepj@state.gov](mailto:moorepj@state.gov); IVG 547-8300. Regards.

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